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only 65 percent of the flour and 45 percent of the sugar to be allocated to so-called HO bakery contractors (Vertragsbackerei), and 80 percent of the pork meat to be allocated to HO butcher contractors, were delivered in mid-March 1955. Deliveries of beef to butcher contractors were completely stopped in mid-March. HO shops at the East Berlin Ministries received their full allocations in mid-March, but deliveries to other HO shops were reduced to 40 percent. HO salespeople were ordered to keep all sales below the fixed norms.

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the current food shortage is causing great concern among the East Berlin population. The VP was ordered to register all persons spreading disquieting rumors.

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the production of jams and syrups is to be discontinued during the current year. All sugar reserves are to be made available for export purposes.

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lemonades are to be manufactured with saccharine only. The proportion of wort (Stammwuerze) in beer is to be reduced. Double-brewed caramel beer will no longer be prepared.

On 12 March 1955, it was observed that neither cake nor rolls were available in East Berlin bakeries after 1400 hours. In early March 1955, flour was in short supply and only type-650 flour was available. Type-450 flour was out of stock.

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